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Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training

Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2010

I. Call to order

Colonel Stephen M. McCartney called to order the regular meeting of the Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training (POST) at 10:16 a.m. on August 26, 2010 in RIMPA-Lincoln.

II. Roll call

Colonel McCartney asked Donna Lavallee to take a roll call. The following POST members were present: Stephen M. McCartney, Chief George L. Kelley, III, Chief Anthony Pesare, Mr. Robert Driscoll and Major Kenneth Marandola, representing Colonel Brendan Doherty.

Also present were Chief Anthony J. Silva, Mr. Richard B. Woolley,

Esq., Captain David Ricciarelli, Captain David DelBonis, Donna Lavallee, Class Training Officer David Henry, Ms. Lisa Holley, Esq. and Ms. Maura Gazerro of the R.I.S.P.

III. Approval of the minutes

Colonel McCartney asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting dated March 20, 2010. Chief Kelley made a motion to accept the minutes; Chief Pesare seconded the motion. After no further discussion and all in favor (5-0), the motion carries and minutes were accepted.

IV. Update on current 115th Session, 2010-III recruit class

Captain DelBonis gave an update on the current class. The class is currently finishing up Week 2. They are very motivated and there are no issues at all. He introduced the current Class Training Officer, David Henry, from North Providence P.D. He has been a huge asset to the staff.

V. Update on Continuing Education

Captain David Ricciarelli stated that there are presently 22 in-service trainings on the agenda and he anticipates approximately 70 programs for the calendar year. He is working on the Byrne Grant monies of \$20,000, which he plans on expending all of it for Continuing Ed this year.

VI. Report from Col. Richard Sullivan, Highway Safety

Chief Silva stated that Colonel Sullivan was doing a training today and stated that he is busy from morning till evening and is a great asset to our staff.

VII. Report from Sara Sticht, Curriculum Assessment Coordinator

David Ricciarelli reported that Sara is still on part-time maternity leave. Colonel McCartney wished Sara congratulations on her baby on behalf of the POST. Capt. Ricciarelli stated that there are 8 lesson plans completed and some may be included in this recruit class. There are approx 31 to do yet.

VIII. Approval of Active Shooter Train-the-Trainer In-Service Curriculum

Captain DelBonis presented all members with the curriculum for the Active Shooter training. He stated that the grant responsible for this training comes from RIEMA for tactical training for Rhode Island Law Enforcement. Chief Pesare made a motion to accept and approve the curriculum and this training and Mr. Driscoll seconded the motion. After no further discussion and all in favor (5-0), the training was accepted and approved.

IX. Appointments of RIMPA Adjunct Instructors

Chief Silva stated there are three additions (applications and resumes included in the packet) of instructors who are asking for POST certification. Major Marandola asked if they are all volunteers or paid instructors and Chief Silva acknowledges that all are volunteers..actually, out of the 60-70 instructors that are on our staff, only six are paid. Chief Pesare made a motion to accept and certify the three instructors and Mr. Driscoll seconded the motion. After no further discussion and all in favor (5-0), the motion passes.

X. Request from Det. Steven Branch (ret) for POST Certification-Three year rule

Colonel McCartney recused himself from this agenda item and turned

the meeting over to Chief Kelley. Chief Kelley stated that we would need to enter into Executive Session. Chief Kelley made a motion to enter into Executive Session and Chief Pesare seconded the motion.

Chief Kelley adjourned the meeting out of Open Session at 10:30 a.m.

Resumed Regular meeting at 10:40am. Steven Branch was called into the room by Chief Kelley and explained the proper procedure he would need to file to petition under the Three year rule. He told him that his resume was impressive. Director Silva stated it would be prudent to say that if it is his intention to be employed by a police department in the future, the possibility exists that he will get certified. Obviously, there are no assurances or guarantees, but there is potential. Mr. Branch thanked everyone on the Board for their time and consideration.

Colonel McCartney re-entered the meeting at 10:45am.

X. Discussion of CCRI partnership with Police Academy

Chief Silva stated that we started discussions on this at the last meeting relative to the Academy entering into an Articulation agreement with CCRI. The feeling at the last meeting was to go to the legislature to change the language to include non sponsorship. He has had discussions with both Richard Woolley and Lisa Holley and the college has put together an advisory group. Mr. Woolley stated that it is still his opinion that the statute needs to be changed to include non-sponsorship. Lisa Holley stated she concurs with Mr. Woolley that a statutory change is needed. The POST must make a decision to change the statute—however, that may open doors to

other non-sponsorship candidates, not just CCRI. Colonel McCartney stated that the issue of non-sponsorship came up in 2007. Chief Silva agreed and said at that time, the issue came up to look at efforts to raise revenue. If we can graph legislature specific to CCRI, it will be restricted. Other states do it and it is very successful. Mr. Driscoll stated he likes the idea a great deal and asked Chief Silva if he anticipated any problems with the POST and CCRI. Colonel McCartney asked if it were favorable to do this. Ms. Holley stated that the details would have to be ironed out with the college (financial aid availability, etc.) Mr. Driscoll stated he would rather see the details worked out first before going to the legislation. Colonel McCartney stated he is not opposed, he is just trying to think of the most progressive way to approach it. Mr. Driscoll suggested a rigorous planning exercise up front and iron out all potential problems first before going to the legislation. Major Marandola agreed with Mr. Driscoll and stated you need to articulate such things as the number of seats that would be afforded to them, what colleges would be included, etc. If the Colonel and the POST agree, Chief Silva must come up with a specific program to go to the legislation. Chief Silva stated we would be looking at maybe 2-4 seats per year and the college would handle the financial part..no monies would be exchanged with the Academy. We wouldn't received any funds from the student...everything will go through CCRI. All of these issues would be included in the Articulation agreement. If the POST thinks this is a viable program, it would then be up to legal counsel and himself to get the proper language and go to legislation. Major

Marandola was concerned about who would get to fill the seats with so few? Chief Silva answered that because we are housed here at CCRI, we would just identify CCRI. Ms. Holley suggested not to specify a name of a college. She agreed to work out things with CCRI before it goes to legislation. Chief Pesare asked if CCRI is working on this already? Chief Silva stated he had discussion with them but only in a preliminary stage..they are waiting for a final word from us. Mr. Driscoll made a motion to continue talks with CCRI and our legal counsel regarding this matter to move forward. Chief Pesare seconded the motion for a plan to be drafted for approval by the POST. With all in favor (5-0), motion carries.

XI. Approval of job descriptions

Chief Silva expressed that there are four job descriptions in everyone's packet, Executive Director; Basic Training Coordinator; In-Service Training Coordinator; and Administrative Assistant to the Director. He would like to get these promulgated. He introduced Maura Gazzera and thanked Maura Gazerro for all her help in assisting us with writing our Rules & Regs. Maura stated that after the POST approves the Rules and Regulations and Job Descriptions, they will be posted in October and go for a public hearing in December and be promulgated early next year. Lisa Holley suggested distributing the Rules and Regs to all members and having them submit their comments to Maura. Chief Silva stated he would e-mail them to all members for their review. Mr. Driscoll noted that on Chief Silva's job description, there was no mention about managing the budget. Chief Pesare asked that in the future, if there is

something for them to review like this, could they get them beforehand as there is too much information to look at in such a short amount of time. Colonel McCartney asked if this item should be tabled or is it something that needs to be voted on today. Ms. Holley stated they would need an approval by October in order to post publicly. So to please review at your leisure along with the Rules and Regs and get back to Maura. He stated they would do so by September 30th.

XIV: Adjournment:

Mr. Driscoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Pesare seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Donna M. Lavalley, Administrative Assistant